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I strongly oppose any settlement that allows Microsoft to maintain its predatory monopolies in software and Internet access.

Rather than donating Microsoft software and Wintel hardware to schools, the company should be required to donate Unix and Apple software and equipment. Even a very large donation wouldn't dent Microsoft's monopoly position, but it would be more just than Gates's proposal, which merely entrenches it.

Microsoft's arrogance and unconcern for its customers should not be encouraged in any way. Its software is shoddy, full of bugs, vulnerable to hackers, and hopelessly behind its competitors, but its vicious practices have made it supreme in the marketplace.

For the record, my retirement plan owns Microsoft stock. I still strongly oppose the company's practices.

Stop the insanity. Break up Microsoft.

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